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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) & (b) A statement [a] furnishing the information in respect of persons sent back from Malaya and Ceylon is laid on the table of the House. No separate figures in respect of persons sent from Singapore alone are available at present."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" ഇങ്ങിനെ ജോലിയില്ലാതെ അന്യനാട്ടുകളിൽ പോയിമടങ്ങിവരുന്ന ആളുകൾക്കു വല്ല സഹായവും ഗവമ്മേണ്ടിൽനിന്നു ചെയ്യിട്ടുണ്ടോ ? അതിന്നുവേണ്ടി വല്ല അപേക്ഷകളും കിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, we have to look after the unemployed persons who have been remaining in India and in our own State. The unemployment of those persons (who have come from Malaya and Ceylon) is also being tackled by the Government."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" May I know whether these persons came back of their own accord or because they lost their citizenship in those countries? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, some of them had gone there on contract for service and after the completion of the contract they have come back. But most of these persons are alleged to be illegal immigrants into Ceylon."

Harijan Welfare centres in Malabar.

* 341 *Q.*—SRI K. MOIDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Animal Husbandry be pleased to state— 9-40 a.m.

(*a*) the number of Harijan Welfare centres in Malabar district; and the number of students from each taluk who are getting residential scholarships; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to have any centre in the Kurumbranad taluk in the Badagara firka?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" (*a*) There are no such institutions as ' Harijan Welfare Centres '. The number of residential scholarships granted during 1952–53 to the students belonging to eligible communities and Backward classes in Palghat, Kozhikode, Wynaad and Ernad taluks of Malabar district were 27, 10, 1 and 2, respectively.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI O. KORAN :—" Sir, as the residential scholarship amount is not sufficient to meet the boarding and lodging expenses of students, will the Government take immediate steps to enhance the amount? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" I am unable to answer this question straightway. It all depends upon the allotment available for the next year."

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SRI E. T. KUNHAN :—" പൊന്നാനിയിൽ എത്ര ഹരിജൻ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്കു സ്കോളർഷിപ്പുകൾ കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടു് ? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

SRI V. S. SIVAPRAKASAM :—" Since the policy of the national Government is to abolish once for all the evil of social discrimination as between Harijans and caste Hindus in our society and since we are determined to abolish once for all in one generation this discrimination of caste existing in our society will the Government consider the desirability of permitting some of the Harijans that have come up at least to the level of the Backward classes to be included in the list of Backward classes or advanced Hindus so that the really socially and economically Backward Harijans can be benefited by the Government's scheme for their uplift? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, the proposal is rather complicated and full of contradictory statements. I would like the hon. Member to send a written memorandum to me. We will examine it."

Licence for the tapping of sweet toddy.

* 342 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Malabar District Co-operative Registrar has recently passed an order that if an ex-toddy-tapper wants to get licence from the Jaggery Co-operative Society, he has to furnish two personal sureties from two other jaggery toddy-tappers and to sign a printed form in which it is written that if one toddy-tapper or the licensee is given any puishment for any offence, all the three will have to get the punishment, and if so, what are the reasons for this new order?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :—" One of the conditions prescribed for the issue of licences to members of jaggery manufacturing co-operative societies for the tapping of sweet juice requires that every member to whom a licence is issued should produce two other tappers as sureties who should guarantee for the proper use of the licence granted to the member. This condition has not been newly introduced now but it has been in force since November 1947. The condition is necessary as a safeguard against misuse of the licences."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, this condition is enforced recently. In view of the fact that it creates a lot of difficulties for the ex-toddy tappers to get licences and in view of the fact that it is illegal from the point of law to punish one person for a crime committed by another person, will the Government be pleased to reconsider this and veto this order? "